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Reg Army

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Memorandum for: Deputy Director/Plans

From: Legislative Counsel

Subject: Enlistment of aliens in the Regular Army.

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1. Reference is made to a memorandum for the record from [REDACTED] OPC, dated 1 June 1951, Subject: The Proposed New Lodge Bill authorizing the establishment of a "Freedom Corps", which has been forwarded to you by covering memorandum from [REDACTED]

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2. When the 1951 amendments to the Selective Service Act were being considered, the Senate passed a provision which would permit the enlistment in the Regular Army of 25,000 aliens per year over a period of five years. When the bill reached the House, however, the provision for the enlistment of aliens was taken out completely. The bill was then sent to conference, and as a result a compromise was reached in Section 21 (page 15 of the attached report) which amends the original Lodge Bill, approved in 1950, by raising the quota authorized in that law from 2,500 to a total of not more than 12,500 aliens until June 30, 1955. (See also page 21 of the attached report).

3. This amendment, therefore, represents a net gain of 10,000 aliens in the Army over existing law.

4. In view of the fact that the House was only willing to accept a maximum of 12,500 aliens in the Army, and in fact were reluctant even to approve that number, it would appear that the future of a Freedom Corps of the size envisaged by Senator Lodge would appear very doubtful during the present session.

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